

What is claimed is:

1. A method of treating early diabetic neuropathy comprising administering a composition comprising an aqueous extract of olives.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the aqueous extract of olives contains a weight ratio of hydroxytyrosol to oleuropein of between about 1:1 and about 400:1.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the aqueous extract of olives contains a weight ratio of hydroxytyrosol to oleuropein of between about 3:1 and about 200:1.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein the aqueous extract of olives contains a weight ratio of hydroxytyrosol to tyrosol of between about 5:1 and about 50:1.
5. A method of treating patients with C-fiber neuropathy comprising administering an aqueous extract of olives.
6. The method of claim 5 wherein the aqueous extract of olives contains a weight ratio of hydroxytyrosol to oleuropein of between about 1:1 and about 400:1.
7. The method of claim 5 wherein the aqueous extract of olives contains a weight ratio of hydroxytyrosol to oleuropein of between about 3:1 and about 200:1.
8. The method of claim 5 wherein the aqueous extract of olives contains a weight ratio of hydroxytyrosol to tyrosol of between about 5:1 and about 50:1.
9. A method of treating patients with large fiber and C-fiber neuropathy comprising administering an aqueous extract of olives.
10. The method of claim 9 wherein the aqueous extract of olives contains a weight ratio of hydroxytyrosol to oleuropein of between about 1:1 and about 400:1.
11. The method of claim 9 wherein the aqueous extract of olives contains a weight ratio of hydroxytyrosol to oleuropein of between about 3:1 and about 200:1.

12.           The method of claim 9 wherein the aqueous extract of olives contains a weight ratio of hydroxytyrosol to tyrosol of between about 5:1 and about 50:1.
13.           A method of treating patients with large fiber and C-fiber neuropathy comprising administering an extract of olive leaves.
14.           The method of claim 13 wherein the extract of olive leaves is blended with an aqueous extract of olives, with hydroxytyrosol or a combination thereof.